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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I tried to use services from AT&T and Comcast in my area and both were miserable experiences. Both had unstable connection, overpriced services, questionable market practices (forced bundle packages), "not ideal" customer support. Luckily, we were fortunate to have Sonic Fiber in our new neighborhood (one of the few neighborhoods in the city) which has far superior service with much smaller prices.

In fact quality of connection went up along the prices slowly sliding down across the country primarily due meaningful competition (I did leave in couple of states myself and do know people in few more). That said, price/quality_of_service in US is still inferior to the rest of developed world primarily due historical monopolies and lack of competition.

Taking regressive steps on competition in the market will hurt entire society since it is fair to say internet connection is essential for day-to-day life for majority of population (what has been recognized by other developed countries to the point of declaring internet access as basic human rights, e.g. in Germany). Not to mention negative impact on technological progress and competitiveness of US on digital markets

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